

Claims

1. (currently amended) A method for providing a telephone subscriber with call features associated with a home telephone line with a first telephone number of the subscriber when the subscriber is at a remote telephone line with a second telephone number, the method comprising the steps of:

registering the subscriber as present at the remote telephone line in a first database accessible by a home switch that supports the home telephone line;

transferring a user call feature set that defines call features made available by the home switch to the subscriber from the home switch to a visiting switch that supports the remote telephone line;

storing the user call feature set by the visiting switch in a second database separate from the visiting switch;

receiving at the home switch an incoming call for the subscriber directed to thea first telephone number of the home line;

in response to the incoming call, retrieving the second telephone number from the first database by the home switch and redirecting the incoming call by the home switch to the visiting switch that supports thea second telephone number associated with the remote telephone line where the second telephone number is retrieved from a first record in the first database;

receiving the redirected incoming call at thea visiting switch that supports the remote telephone line;

retrieving, by the visiting switch from a second record in thea second database, thea user call feature set each time an incoming call is received that defines call features available to the subscriber at the subscriber's home telephone line;

handling the incoming call by~~at~~ the visiting switch in accordance with the call features as determined by the retrieved user call feature set.

2. (original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the step of registering comprises receiving a request from the remote telephone line to establish the presence of the subscriber at the remote telephone line, retrieving from the first database the subscriber's call feature set, storing the retrieved subscriber's call feature set in the second record in the second database where the second record includes the first and second telephone numbers.

3. (original) The method according to claim 2 wherein the step of registering further comprises storing the second telephone number in the first record in the first database.

4. (original) The method according to claim 3 wherein the second telephone number is obtained from calling line information data associated with a call placed from the remote telephone line as part of the request.

5-14. Canceled.